27 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Attached FBI Report

1. On the afternoon of 26 March, General Smith called me on the telephone and asked if I would drop over to his office. Upon arrival, he showed me a letter addressed to him personally signed by Mr. John Edgar Hoover. This correspondence was identical with the letter addressed to you, herewith attached, except that in a last paragraph Mr. Hoover wrote that the only other recipient of this information was Mr. Robert Cutler, of the White House. General Smith said that the letter had been "convoyed" to him by three FBI representatives and that apparently they set great store by the sensitivity of the source and the information. He asked me to talk with Mr. Park Armstrong, so that we could make a joint recommendation to him then and there as to how the material should be handled. It was my proposal, concurred in by Mr. Armstrong, that the information be cabled through CIA channels to our representative in General Smith approved this immediate delivery to recommendation. I, therefore, dispatched the cable priority, it clearing our Signal Center by 1730, 26 March. General Smith's letter was returned by hand to Mr. Armstrong the same evening.

2. At 10:30 this morning, Mr. Papich 'phoned me and asked if General Smith had mentioned to me a letter he had received yesterday from Mr. Hoover. I replied that he had. Mr. Papich then stated that he had a similar piece of correspondence for you and that under the circumstances he would deliver it directly to me in the course of the day. This is the piece of correspondence which is attached. I have taken the liberty of routing the only other copy to our FBI Liaison Officer for the use of this office. You may desire to forward the original to Mr. Becker whom I have informally briefed on the events in paragraph (1) above. Mr. Wisner has been kept informed.

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